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ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my 26th annual report on the health of the Urban District of Ormskirk.

The health of the district remained satisfactory during the year. Only 49 cases of infectious diseases were notified compared with 457 last year. It may well be that the efforts that have been made to increase the level of immunisation against measles and whooping cough are now playing their part in reducing the incidence of these diseases.

The Birth Rate decreased to 18.7 per 1,000 population compared with 19.7 in 1970 and 16.00 in England and Wales.

The Death Rate at 10.8 per 1,000 population was a decrease over the 1970 rate of 12.3. There was a further decrease in the infantile death rate of 19 per 1,000 compared with 21 in 1970 and 18 for England and Wales. There were no maternal deaths.

Housing conditions continued to improve and a further 93 houses were built during the year, of which 22 were built by the local authority.

The work of improvement of houses continues to increase since the introduction of the 1969 Housing Act. More applications have been received for improvement grants and this has enabled the standard of the older houses in the district to be improved and brought up to the modern standards.

The staff of the Public Health Department have maintained a high standard of work during the year. A total of 6,703 visits were made by the staff of the Health Department including 1,413 for the purpose of Food Hygiene, 447 Offices, Shops and Railway Premises and 782 in connection with improvement of houses.

Finally, I would thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and support during the year and the members of the staff for their ready help and co-operation at all times.

I am your obedient servant,

J. G. HAILWOOD
Medical Officer of Health

June, 1972

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SECTION 1.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area. 15,229 acres.

Population.—The population according to the 1961 Census was 21,828, but the Registrar General estimates that at the middle of 1971 the population was 27,720, on which figure statistics in this Report are based.

Number of Inhabited Houses. At the end of 1971 the number of inhabited houses, according to the Rate Books was 9,359.

The Rateable Value at the end of the year was £1,099,170 and the sum represented by a penny rate was £10,800.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Urban District of Ormskirk occupies 15,229 acres of the West Lancashire plain. The ancient town of Ormskirk is situated on the highest ground in the area, and the village of Newburgh is pleasantly sited on a small hill. Burscough is a small town three miles north of Ormskirk.

Three-quarters of the district is rural in character. The chief interest of the population is agriculture or allied employment; indeed, Ormskirk is locally known as the capital of this large agricultural area, and the ruling prices at the weekly market are quoted all over the country.

Apart from agriculture, the chief industries include a valve making factory, an ironfoundry, 3 timberyards, a printing and bookbinding works, a flour mill, one brickworks, sheet metal works and factories for the manufacture of biscuits, wooden handles, women's clothing, fertiliser, automobile oils, cloth trade accessories, corrugated board and containers and light engineering products.

VITAL STATISTICS

	1971	1970
Home population—(Estimated by Registrar-General—mid year)	27720	26090
Live Births—		
Legitimate	M. 222	F. 232
Illegitimate	15	8
} Total	477	473
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births.	5.0	5.0
Birth Rate per 1000 population		
Crude	17.2	18.1
Adjusted	18.7	19.7
Stillbirths		
M. 3		
F. 0		
} Total	3	4
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	6.0	8.0
Total Live and Still births	480	477
Deaths.		
Males 146		
Females 137		
} Total	283	303
Death Rate per 1000 population		
Crude	10.2	11.6
Adjusted	10.8	12.3
Maternal Mortality		
Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	Nil	Nil
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	—	—
Infant Mortality (Infants under 1 year).		
Deaths—Legitimate	9	10
„ —Illegitimate	—	—
Total	9	10
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Total	19	21
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Legitimate	20	22
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Illegitimate	—	—
Neo-Natal Mortality		
Infants under four weeks of age—death rate per 1000 live births	6	11

Live Births			Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Total		Neo-natal	
	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop n.*	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop n.*	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
1971	477	18.7	283	10.8	3	6.0	nil	nil	9	19	3	6
1970	473	19.7	303	12.3	4	8.0	nil	nil	10	21	5	11
1969	430	18.1	306	12.6	4	9.0	nil	nil	11	26	7	16
1968	507	21.4	301	12.5	6	12.0	nil	nil	10	20	9	18
1967	461	19.7	269	11.3	6	13.0	nil	nil	4	9	2	4
1966	521	22.5	294	12.6	10	18.8	1	1.88	10	19.2	8	15.4
Ave. 5 years— 1966-1971		20.7	—	12.3	—	15.6	—	0.37	—	17.2	—	13.0

* Adjusted (live birth-rate) (comparability factor, 1.09) — 18.7 per 1,000.
(death-rate) (comparability factor, 1.06) — 10.8 per 1,000.

The Birth rate for England and Wales was 16.0, for Ormskirk 18.7.

The Death rate for England and Wales was 11.6, for Ormskirk 10.8

The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales was 18, for Ormskirk 19.

The Maternal mortality rate for England and Wales was 0.17, for Ormskirk Nil

Causes of Death in the Ormskirk Urban District

		1971		TOTAL
		M.	F.	
B4	Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	2	—	2
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	—	2	2
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ..	1	1	2
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	1	6
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	6	9
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	8	2	10
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	3	3
B19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	2	2
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	—	1
B19(10)	Leukaemia	—	2	2
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	7	11
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	2	1	3
B46(4)	Multiple Sclerosis	1	1	2
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System ..	—	4	4
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ..	2	4	6
B27	Hypertensive Disease	1	4	5
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	35	24	59
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	8	12	20
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	14	24	38
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory system ..	11	7	18
B32	Pneumonia	7	8	15
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	17	4	21
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory system ..	1	—	1
B34	Peptic Ulcer	—	1	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	1	4	5
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1
B39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, genito-urinary system ..	1	—	1
B46(11)	Diseases of Muculo-skeletal system ..	1	—	1
B42	Congenital anomalies	2	3	5
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..	—	2	2
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	1	8
BE48	All other Accidents	6	6	12
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ..	3	—	3
BE50	All Other External Causes	—	1	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		146	137	283

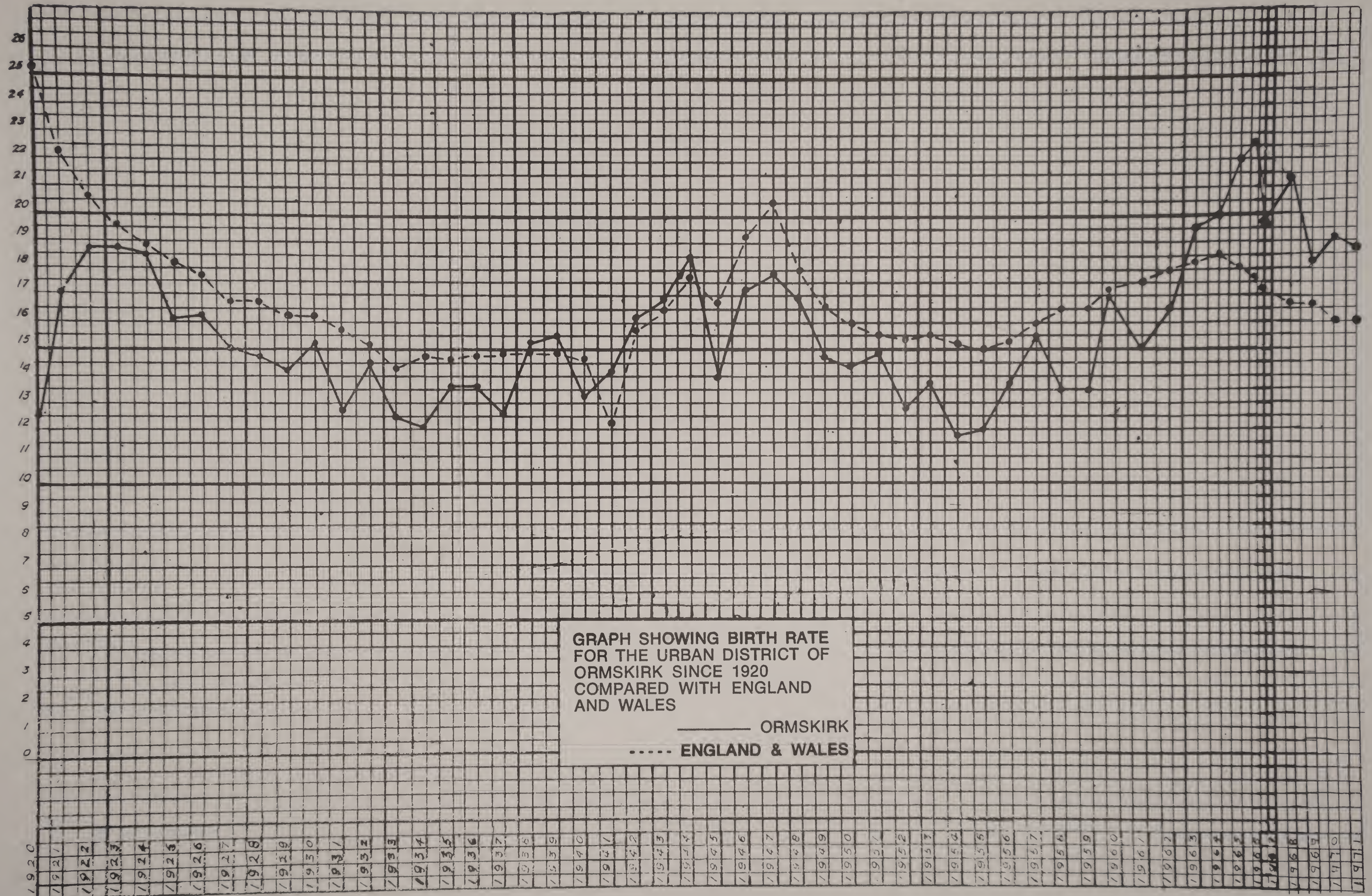
CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1971 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK

	Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 yr	AGE IN YEARS										75 & over
						1—4	5—14	15—24	25—34	35—44	45—54	55—64	65—74			
B4	Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	M.	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M.	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M.	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(10)	Leukaemia	M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	M.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	M.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46(4)	Multiple Sclerosis	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B27	Hypertensive Disease	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	M.	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	M.	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	M.	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	4
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	F.	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
B32	Pneumonia	M.	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	15
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	F.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	7
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	M.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
B34	Peptic Ulcer	F.	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	M.	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	7
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	F.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
B39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ..	F.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B46(11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ..	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B42	Congenital Anomalies	F.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..	M.	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	F.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE48	All other Accidents	M.	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ..	F.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
BE50	All Other External Causes	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
		F.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
		M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		F.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		M.	146	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	47
		F.	137	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	77
	TOTAL ALL CAUSES															

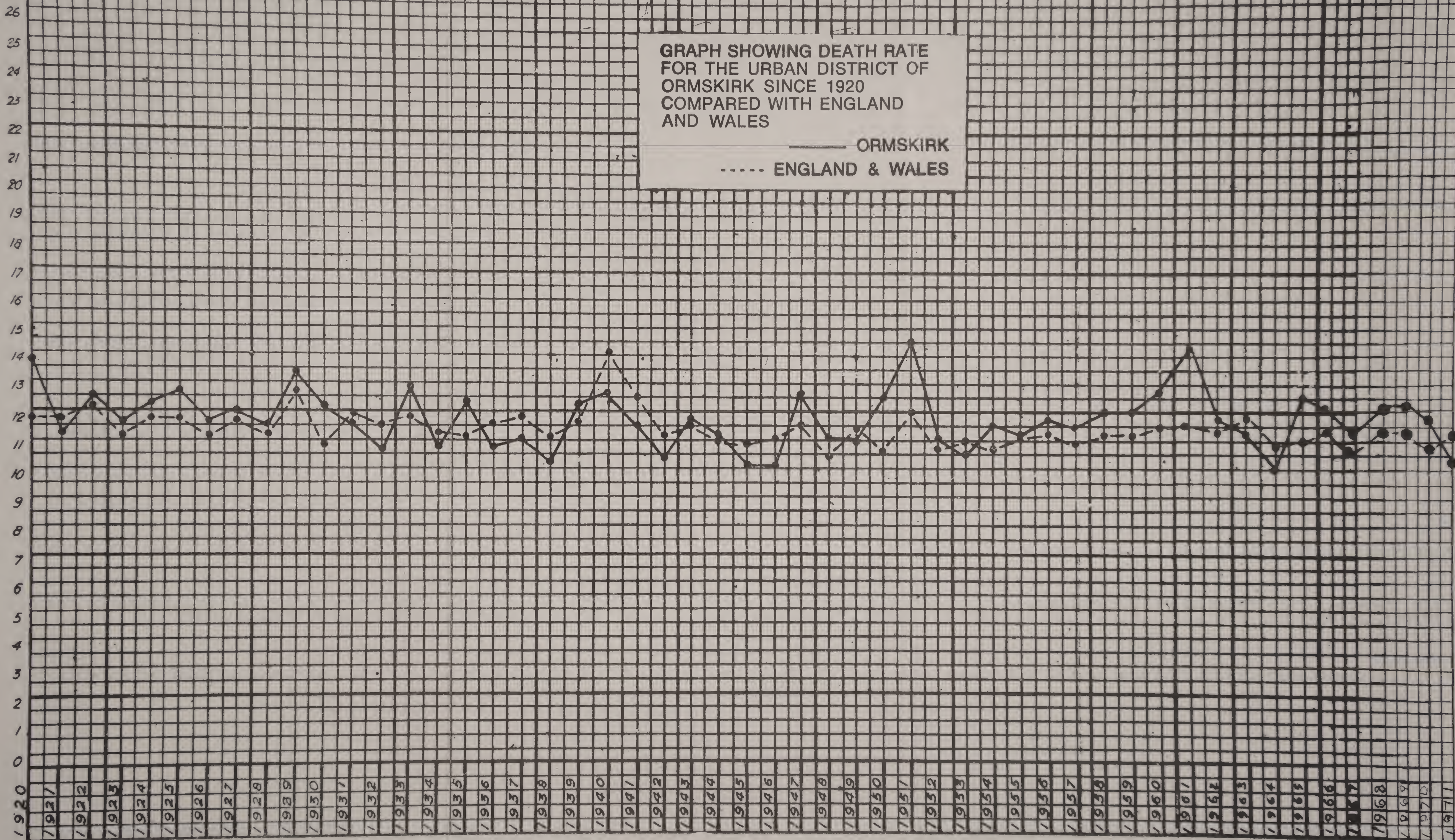
TABLE SHOWING BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATES FOR ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

Year	Estimated Population	Birth		Death		Rate		Infantile Mort. Rate	
		England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk
1934	17,670	14.8	12.1	11.8	11.3	59	74		
1935	17,860	14.7	13.8	11.7	12.7	57	64		
1936	18,090	14.8	13.6	12.1	11.2	59	40		
1937	18,300	14.9	12.6	12.4	11.5	58	68		
1938	18,400	15.1	15.2	11.6	10.7	53	24		
1939	18,930	15.0	15.5	12.1	12.8	50	58		
1940	19,660	14.6	13.3	14.3	13.1	55	45		
1941	20,490	12.2	14.3	12.9	12.0	59	68		
1942	20,200	15.8	16.6	11.6	10.8	49	41		
1943	19,250	16.5	16.9	12.1	12.2	49	64		
1944	18,500	17.6	18.5	11.6	11.7	46	75		
1945	19,320	16.1	14.0	11.4	10.8	46	18		
1946	20,360	19.1	17.4	11.5	10.6	43	39		
1947	20,990	20.5	17.8	12.0	13.4	41	64		
1948	20,030	17.9	17.2	10.8	11.6	34	55		
1949	20,100	16.7	14.8	11.7	11.5	32	47		
1950	20,110	15.8	14.5	11.6	13.1	29.8	27		
1951	20,920	15.5	15.0	12.5	15.2	29.6	57		
1952	21,180	15.3	12.7	11.3	11.5	27.6	41		
1953	21,230	15.5	13.8	11.4	10.9	26.8	34		
1954	21,340	15.2	11.8	11.3	12.1	25.5	29		
1955	21,280	15.0	11.9	11.7	11.8	24.9	12		
1956	21,350	15.7	13.8	11.7	12.2	23.8	25		
1957	21,420	16.1	15.5	11.5	11.9	23.0	12		
1958	21,450	16.4	13.3	11.7	12.5	22.5	17.5		
1959	21,450	16.5	13.5	11.6	12.7	22	27.5		
1960	21,850	17.1	17.0	11.5	13.0	21.7	30.6		
1961	22,180	17.4	15.0	12.0	14.9	21.4	43.2		
1962	22,880	18.0	16.7	11.9	12.2	21.4	23.6		
1963	23,740	18.2	19.6	12.2	11.8	20.9	15.2		
1964	24,350	18.4	19.9	11.3	10.3	20.0	10.4		
1965	24,850	18.1	22.0	11.5	12.8	19.0	12.0		
1966	25,190	17.7	22.5	11.7	12.6	19.0	19.2		
1967	25,440	17.2	19.7	11.2	11.3	18.3	9		
1968	25,680	16.9	21.4	11.9	12.5	18.0	20		
1969	25,900	16.3	18.1	11.9	11.8	18.0	26		
1970	26,090	16.0	19.7	11.7	12.3	18.0	21		
1971	27,720	16.0	18.7	11.6	10.9	18.0	10		



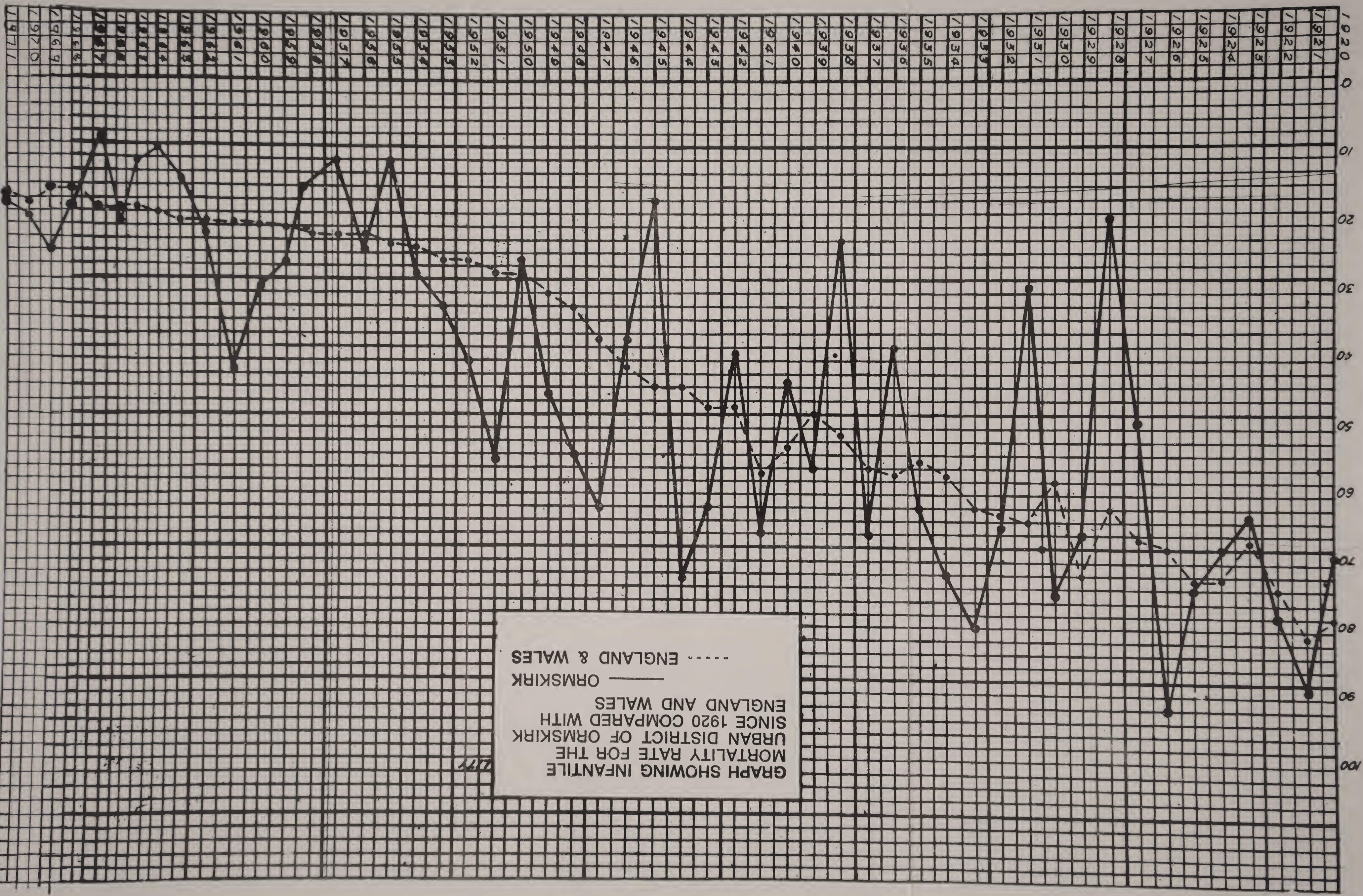
GRAPH SHOWING DEATH RATE
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF
ORMSKIRK SINCE 1920
COMPARED WITH ENGLAND
AND WALES

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GRAPH SHOWING INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK SINCE 1920 COMPARED WITH ENGLAND AND WALES

— ORMSKIRK
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SECTION 2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

The Ormskirk General Hospital—takes all types of cases and has a consultant and resident staff. Out-patient sessions are held.

The Brandreth Hospital—accommodates chronic and convalescent cases only. Out-patient sessions are held.

The Ormskirk Children's Convalescent Hospital—Green Lane, Ormskirk.

The New Hall Isolation Hospital, Scarisbrick—receives cases of Infectious Disease from the Urban District of Ormskirk.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council. An Ambulance Station is situated in Junction Lane, Burscough.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre, Hants Lane, Ormskirk.

<i>Child Welfare Centre</i>	....	....	Each Monday and Wednesday afternoon
<i>Minor Ailments Clinic</i>	....	....	Each Monday morning
<i>Orthopaedic Clinic</i>	....	....	First Monday in each month (approx.)
<i>Orthopaedic Treatment Clinic</i>	....	....	Tuesday afternoon each week
<i>Eye Clinic</i>	....	....	Alternate Tuesdays and every Thursday
<i>Dental Clinic</i>	....	....	Each day
<i>Immunisation Clinic</i>	....	....	Every First Thursday morning
<i>Vaccination Clinic</i>	....	....	Each Monday afternoon by appointment only in conjunction with Child Welfare Clinic

The Burscough Child Welfare Clinic (Old Council Offices).

Child Welfare Clinic Each Thursday afternoon

Immunisation and Vaccination

Clinic..... Third Thursday morning

Ormskirk and District General Hospital.

Chest Clinic Tuesday morning

Friday morning

NURSING IN THE HOME

Home Nursing is carried out by the Lancashire County Council, The services of a District Nurse are obtained for a patient through the General Practitioner.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens for bacteriological examination are dealt with at the Pathological Laboratory of the Ormskirk and District General Hospital or at the Public Health Laboratory, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool.

SECTION 3

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The number of cases of infectious disease notified to the Health Department during the year was 49. This figure is lower than the number of notifications for 1970 when 457 cases were notified.

MEASLES

There were 15 notified cases of measles during 1971, compared with 414 cases in 1970.

TUBERCULOSIS

Respiratory. The number of cases notified in 1971 was nil. During the 10 year period ending in 1971 there were 34 notified cases, compared with 109 cases in the previous 10 years.

Non-Respiratory. 1 case was notified during 1971. In the 10 year period ending 1971 there were 15 notified cases, and in the previous 10 years 10 cases were notified.

DIPHTHERIA

For the twenty-third successive year no cases of Diphtheria have been notified.

During the previous twenty years (1930-1950), 433 cases were notified, and 32 deaths from this disease were reported during the same period.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

A total of 429 children completed a course of immunisation during the year 1971, of whom 313 were under the age of two years. A further 391 children were given reinforcing injections during the year.

Number of persons, in age groups, completely immunised during 1971:—

Under 2 years	Under 4 years	Under 8 years	Under 16 years	Total
313	101	12	3	429

Number of persons immunised against diphtheria since 1935:

1971	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	391
1970	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	325
1969	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	186
1968	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	371
1967	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	489
1966	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	515
1965	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	501
Five years 1960-1964	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2330
Five years 1955-1959	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1165
Five years 1950-1954	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1527
Five years 1945-1949	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1661
Five years 1940-1944	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3859
Five years 1935-1939	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	109
Total									13429

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

This service is carried out under a joint scheme with the West Lancashire Rural District Council on a percentage of cost basis.

Disinfection of bedding and clothing is by steam disinfection. During 1971 the following work was carried out.

					<i>Disinfection</i>	<i>Disinfestation</i>
Journeys	....	....	....	....	5	—
Rooms sprayed	....	....	....	....	7	—
Houses	....	....	....	....	5	—
Articles	....	....	....	....	—	—

WEEKLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK DURING 1971

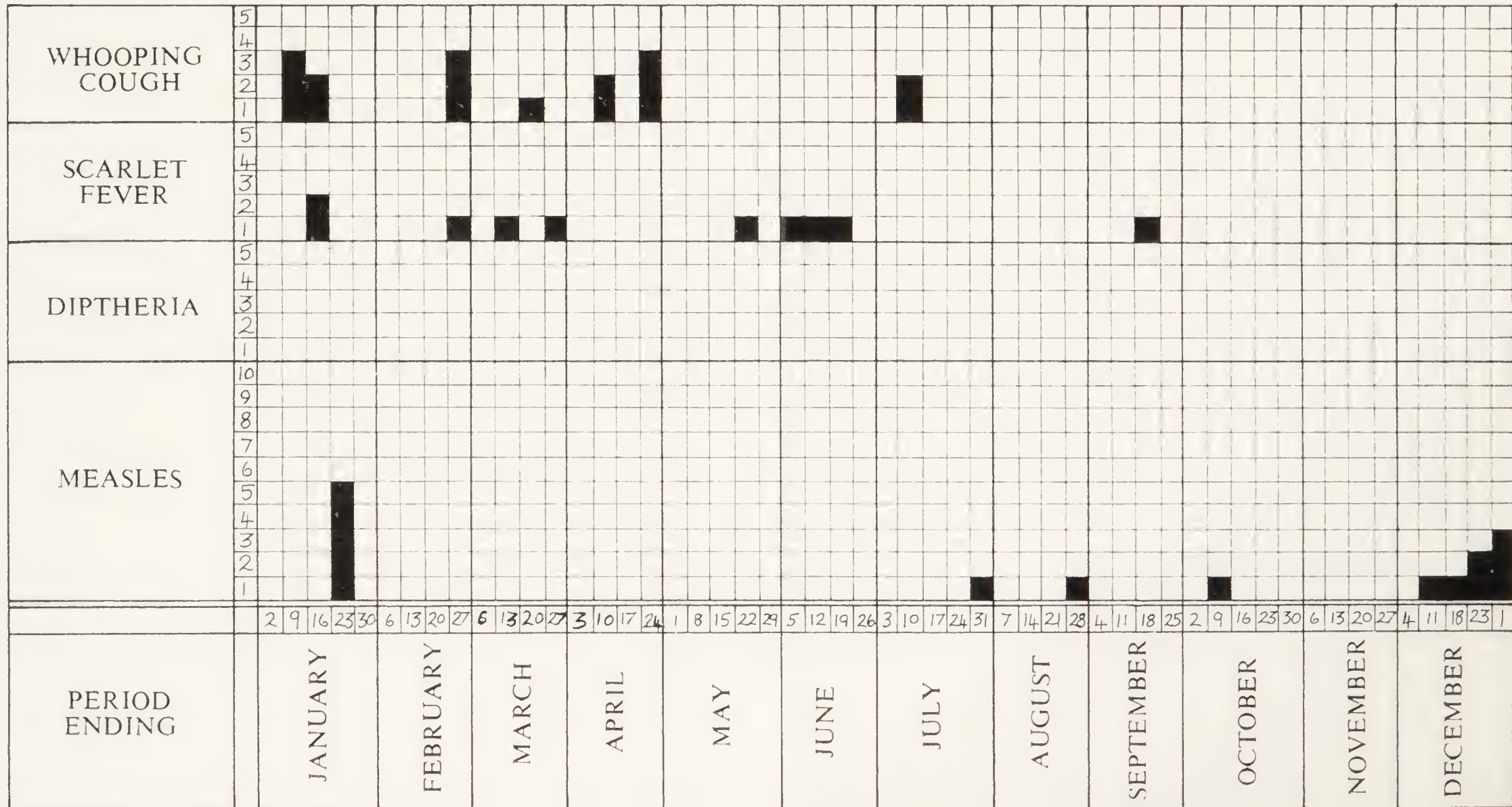


TABLE SHOWING NUMBER AND NATURE OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES COMING
UNDER THE NOTICE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH DURING 1971.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	2	1	2	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	10
Measles	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	7	15
Whooping Cough	5	3	1	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	16
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	4	—	7
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) (Other)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MONTHLY TOTALS	12	4	3	5	1	4	3	1	3	2	4	7	49

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED
THE YEAR 1971.

	WARDS													TOTAL
	Aughton 1	Aughton 2	Derby	S ^{brick}	Knowsley	B ^{cough} North	B ^{cough} South 1	B ^{cough} South 2	Lathom 1	Lathom 2	Lathom 3	Westhead 1&2	Westhead 3&4	
Scarlet Fever	1	—	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10
Measles	1	1	2	8	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	15
Whooping Cough	2	3	2	5	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	16
Dysentery	—	—	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (Resp.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(Other)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	4	4	9	20	5	1	1	1	—	2	—	—	2	49

TABLE SHOWING INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS DURING
PAST 20 YEARS.

Disease	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
Scarlet Fever	10	22	9	1	5	7	6	4	—	1	4	4	14	5	8	3	9	8	56	15
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	15	414	5	54	305	161	197	211	240	122	57	183	205	194	75	149	259	18	458	116
Whooping Cough	16	6	—	7	5	15	1	2	5	2	2	5	2	26	2	36	17	49	159	56
Para Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	1	5	1	—	7	2	8	6	9	6	28	17	49	14	15	18
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	3
Dysentery	7	—	62	—	4	2	1	—	6	159	3	11	2	8	—	—	2	131	1	23
Food Poisoning	—	1	3	2	—	6	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—
Anthrax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	3	—
Acute Polioencephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	2	4	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	9	11	22	10	17
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	—	2	2	1	6	4	3	6	3	7	4	—	5	4	8	11	11	20	23	21
Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	1	1	4	3	—	1	1	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	5
Infective Hepatitis	—	11	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	49	457	88	69	326	201	213	224	266	298	84	214	238	244	147	230	361	298	729	275

SECTION 4.

S C H O O L S .

The Urban District is provided with Eighteen schools. These include one Grammar School, two County Secondary Schools, one R.C. Secondary School, eleven Primary Schools, one Nursery School, and two Private Schools:

With the exception of the latter, all the schools are in Division 11 of the Lancashire County Council Divisional Administration Scheme, 1944.

LIST OF SCHOOLS IN THE ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

School	Total No. of Children on Roll at 1st Jan., 1971
Burscough St. John's C.E. (Mxd. & Infts'.Depts.)	175
Burscough Methodist	283
Burscough R.C.	182
Lathom Park C.E.	86
Newburgh C.E.	192
Lathom St. James' C.E.	81
Burscough Lordsgate Township C.E.	232
Burscough County Secondary School	356
Ormskirk C.E. (Junior mixed)	511
(Infants)	265
Ormskirk St. Anne's R.C. (Mxd. & Infts'. Depts)	445
Ormskirk West End County Primary School	440
Ormskirk St. Bedes R.C. Secondary School	523
Ormskirk County Secondary School,	982
Ormskirk Grammar School	832
Ormskirk Moorgate Nursery School	88
Ormskirk High School	140
Arranmore Preparatory School	50
Total :	5863

During the year 1971 the following improvements and repairs have been carried out at schools in the district:—

LATHOM PARK C. E. SCHOOL

Cloakroom modernised.

Caretaker's Equipment cupboard transferred to new storage shed which has been erected.

New toilets for Infants school.

New toilets for Junior school.

ST. ANNE'S INFANTS SCHOOL, HANTS LANE, ORMSKIRK.

Repairs to main building.

Repairs to canteen.

Girls toilets repaired.

Cellar floor cementing.

Renewal of tank to hot water supply.

SECTION 5.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The West Lancashire Water Board supplies water to the area mainly from deep wells in Dark Lane, Greetby Hill, Halsall Lane pumping stations, Ormskirk, and some water is also received from the Makerfield Water Board in the Westhead area.

There are 6 dwelling houses in the area which are not connected to the mains water supply. This amounts to .07% of the houses in the district.

Reports supplied by the West Lancashire Water Board with regard to samples of water taken during 1971 at Dark Lane, Greetby Hill and Halsall Lane Pumping Stations have been satisfactory except that the water supplied by the Dark Lane and Greetby Hill Pumping Stations is reported to be acid in reaction and a higher pH. value is required. Work is now in hand to rectify the pH. value at the Dark Lane Pumping Station and is expected to be in operation by August, 1972. The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.1 p.p.m.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council have three sewage disposal works in operation. One at Blackacre Lane, Ormskirk, one at New Lane, Burscough and a third at Westhead. The sewage is passed through sedimentation tanks and sludge drying beds, the surface effluent being treated by rotary filter and discharged into brooks. The effluent from the Newburgh area is discharged to the Wigan Sewage Disposal Works at Hoscarr and treated there by arrangement with the Wigan Corporation.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

This work is carried out by the Council's own employees. Four motor vehicles each with three men and a driver are provided and in addition a vehicle is employed part time to carry out a separate collection of waste paper from shops, etc. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Burscough, on a site which was previously a clay pit.

In addition to the above-mentioned collection a special service is provided each Saturday morning, upon request, for the removal of bulky household refuse.

A Municipal bin ownership scheme is operated in the Urban District, whereby replacement of defective dustbins at private dwelling houses is carried out by the Council. During the year 628 defective bins were replaced by new ones.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF 1971

Number of fresh water closets.....	.....	10,654
„ „ pail closets .....	.....	188
„ „ waste water closets .....	.....	Nil
„ „ privies .....	.....	5
„ „ privy middens .....	.....	5
„ „ dry ashpits .....	.....	Nil
„ „ dustbins .....	.....	11,309

CONVERSIONS

The number of closets which were converted during the year was 7, comprising 7 pail closets to flush water closets.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

The number of premises in the district which were inspected during the year was 346 and the number of defects or nuisances discovered as a result of these inspections was 85, and 90 defects previously discovered had been remedied by the end of the year. Informal notices issued numbered 34 and 5 Statutory Notices were served on the authority of the Health Committee where informal notices had not been complied with.

SMOKE ABATEMENT—CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956 & 1968

The Clean Air Act provides that within certain limits which are prescribed by the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958, and with certain exceptions, the emission of dark smoke from any chimney is an offence. Provisions are also included to allow for the making of Orders by the Local Authority (which Orders must be confirmed by the Minister) declaring an area or areas in its district as smoke control areas. There are no Smoke Control Orders in existence in this district.

Other provisions provide for the control of the height of chimneys, the emission of grit, dust and fumes and also the provision of arresting and measuring equipment for grit, dust and fumes.

There are 19 chimneys used in connection with industrial plants in the area.

CAMPING SITES—MOVABLE DWELLINGS

There are no licensed camping sites in the area. Five site licences for a total of 51 caravans have been granted under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district

Private pools exist at Edgehill College of Education, Tawd Vale Scout Camp, and Pontville R.C. Special School.

SHOPS ACT, 1950—1965

Routine inspection of shops in the area was carried out during 1971 and a total of 167 inspections were made. Any defects or contraventions which were found on inspection were dealt with informally and in the main all matters were dealt with without delay.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Under this Act shops where pet animals are sold require to be licensed by the Local Authority. Such licences are renewable annually. There are two such shops in the area and the licences impose conditions regarding the comfort and treatment of the animals.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

An Act to regulate the keeping of boarding establishments for animals, and for purposes connected therewith. The provisions of the Act require the licensing of animal boarding establishments by the local authority. Conditions prerequisite to the granting of a licence have regard to accommodation, food, drink and bedding material, provisions for the exercise of animals, etc. and the keeping of a register of animals received at the establishment. There are five licensed animal boarding establishments in the area. Licences are renewable annually.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 (PART I)

1.—INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	110	28	4	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
	114	32	4	—

FACTORIES ACT (PART VIII)

There are no outworkers listed in the District.

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspectors.	By H.M. Inspectors.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4	4	—	—	—

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1971 the general inspection and revisiting of registered premises was continued. The total number of persons employed was 1,520, comprising Offices 513; Retail Shops 791; Wholesale Shops and Warehouses 66; Catering Establishments, Canteens 150.

	CLASS OF PREMISES				
	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale shops, warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
(i) No. of registered premises at end of year	76	168	10	32	—
(ii) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	43	128	10	32	—
(iii) No. of exemptions current at end of year:					
Space	—	—	—	—	—
Temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences	—	—	—	—	—
Washing facilities	—	—	—	—	—

(iv) No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises 447.

(v) Details of any prosecutions during year—Nil.

During the year 2 accidents were reported.

Useful co-operation has been maintained with the Officer of the Factories Inspectorate appointed under Section 57 of the Act, relative to administration and other matters in connection with this Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

One full-time rodent operator is employed by the Council on investigation and treatment in connection with rodent control work in the district.

In addition to the routine work a yearly maintenance treatment of sewers is carried out.

Treatments are carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and helpful co-operation is maintained with the officers of the Ministry in connection with this work.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1971.

			TYPE OF PROPERTY	
			Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(a)	Number of Properties in District	.....	10023	288
(b)	Number of Properties Inspected Following Notification	.....	345	—
(c)	Number of (b) infested by Rats.....	.....	216	—
	Mice.....	.....	129	—
(d)	Number of Properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	.....	81	—
(e)	Number of (d) infested by Rats.....	.....	74	—
	Mice.....	.....	7	—

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY THE PUBLIC

HEALTH INSPECTORS

DURING THE YEAR 1971.

Visits to dwelling houses (Public Health Act, Housing Acts and Rent Act)						2305
Visits to	Houses re Improvement Grants	.....	.....	.....	.....	782
„ re	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	.....	.....	.....	.....	447
„ re	Rodent Control	.....	.....	.....	.....	229
„ re	Cases of Infectious Disease	.....	.....	.....	.....	97
„ to	Shops (Shops Act)....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167
„ to	Factories and Outworkers' Premises	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
„ to	Food Premises	.....	.....	.....	.....	1413
„ to	Public Houses	.....	.....	.....	.....	66
„ to	Restaurants	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
„ to	Canteens	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
„ to	School Kitchens	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
„ to	Snack Bars	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
„ to	Clubs	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
„ to	Food Manufacturers	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
„ to	Butchers	.....	.....	.....	.....	47
„ to	Fried Fish and Chip Shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
„ to	Food Hawkers	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
„ to	General Food Shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	273
„ to	Ice Cream Manufacturers....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
„ to	Poultry Processing Establishments	.....	.....	.....	.....	150
„ to	Market Stalls	.....	.....	.....	.....	697
„ in connection with	Milk Sampling	.....	.....	.....	.....	58
	Ice Cream Sampling	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
	Water Supplies	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Miscellaneous Visits						1207

SECTION 6: HOUSING

Included in the Council's list of applicants for houses there are approximately 93 families resident in the district who are living in rooms or sharing accommodation. Of this number, 21 are older persons requiring Bungalow type dwellings and a small number waiting to be re-housed from houses subject to Housing Act Orders.

CLEARANCE OF UNFIT HOUSES

During the year representations were made to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health regarding 10 houses which were deemed to be unfit for human habitation. These consisted of 10 individual houses. The number of families from houses due to be demolished or closed who were rehoused during 1971 was 9.

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES—IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year the Council received 57 applications for Improvement Grants and 44 applications for Standard Grants under the provisions of the Housing Acts, 1949-1969, and 75 works of improvement were completed and grants paid.

The work continues to increase with the changing emphasis from Standard to Improvement Grants which require much more detailed consideration than the fixed prices applicable to Standard Grants.

IMPROVEMENT AREAS

No Improvement Areas have been declared under the provisions of the 1969 Housing Act.

The Improvement Areas declared under the provisions of the 1964 Housing Act have now substantially been completed. The few remaining dwellings which still do not have Standard Amenities provided are invariably occupied by elderly people who feel unable to cope with the upset during installation.

Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

TOTAL	.....	93
(i) By the Local Authority	.....	22
(ii) By other Local Authorities	.....	Nil
(iii) By other bodies and persons	.....	71
Total number of Council Houses (a) Before 1945		291
Total number Council Houses Bungalows and Flats	(b) After 1945	1396
	Total	<hr/> 1687

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year—*

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses-inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	.....	1356
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, for the purpose	.....	2258
(c)	Number of dwelling houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit	.....	139
(2)	Total number of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:		
(a)	Demolition orders have been made		61
(b)	Demolition or Closing orders have not yet been made	.....	Nil

Houses Demolished :— In Clearance Areas—	Houses Demol- ished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	—	—	—
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	—	—	—
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2), Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Not in Clearance Areas :—			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957	3	34	15
(5) Local Authority owned Houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	—	—	—
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Closed :—	Number		
(1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied :—	By Owner	By Local Authority	
(1) After informal action by local authority	201	—	
(2) After formal notice under—			
(a) Public Health Acts	5	—	
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	

Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957) :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of separate dwell- ings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year :—		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation—		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 46	—	—
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	—	—
Purchase of Houses by Agreement :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of occupants in houses in column (1) (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clear- ance Orders or Compulsory Pur- chase Orders, purchased during the year	—	—

SECTION 7

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SAMPLES FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

58 samples of milk were taken and submitted for various tests, with the following results:

Phosphatase Test	....	20 satisfactory
Methylene Blue Reduction		
Test	....	29 satisfactory; 5 unsatisfactory
Turbidity test	....	4 satisfactory
Inoculation test for T.B.	....	34 negative

Brucella Abortus—34 samples of milk were submitted for examination all of which were reported to be negative.

ICE CREAM

7 samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination, three were found to be unsatisfactory and were re-sampled.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS)
ACT, 1951.

Section 14 of this Act, which is administered by the Council requires under certain circumstances, the registration of hawkers of food and premises used for the storage of such food. At the end of 1971 the number of registrations was 40 hawkers, 28 premises. The number of inspections of registered premises and vehicles during the year was 41.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 16.

This section of the Food and Drugs Act requires the registration of premises used for :—

- (a) the sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice cream, or the storage of ice cream intended for sale, or
- (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale. (For the purposes of this subsection, the preparation of meat or fish by any process of cooking shall be deemed to be the preservation thereof).

At the end of 1971 the number of registrations was : (a) 93.
(b) 24.

During the year 117 visits were made to registered premises.

THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960—1962

Routine inspection of food premises, vehicles, etc., is carried out to see that the requirements of the Food Hygiene regulations are complied with. Stalls in the street market held in the town from which foodstuffs are sold are visited on market days.

The number of premises in the district subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations is as follows:—

				(a)	(b)	(c)
				see below		
Public Houses	.....	.....	32	32	32	32
Butchers	.....	.....	24	24	24	24
Fried Fish Shops	.....	.....	10	10	10	10
Greengrocers	.....	.....	8	8	8	8
Restaurants, Canteens, Snack Bars.....			33	33	33	33
Food Manufacturers	.....	.....	3	3	3	3
Other Food Shops	.....	.....	76	76	70	70

- a. Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (provision of wash hand basins).
- b. Number of premises to which Regulation 19 (facilities for washing food and equipment) applies.
- c. Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19;

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

Poultry processing is now a large industry, there are three premises in the district slaughtering and dressing poultry for sale. Regular inspection is carried out at these premises.

Food inspection is carried out at both manufacturing and retail premises and also upon request from traders having in their possession food which appears to be unsound.

The foods listed below were examined and found to be unfit and so disposed of as to prevent them from being used for human consumption.

WEIGHTS OF FOOD FOUND TO BE UNFIT.

					Tons	cwts.	lbs.
Fresh Meat	.....	.....	.....	.....	—	6	102
Poultry	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	15	73
					—	—	—
					4	21	175
					—	—	—

In addition to the above there were 1 cwt. 37 lbs. of Canned Foods and 9 cwts. 2 lbs. of Frozen foods due to cabinet failure, found to be unfit.

The number of visits to poultry processing establishments during the year was 150.

The total number of birds processed during the year was as follows:

Turkeys	110,232
Broilers	546,659
Hens	31,925
Total	<u>688,816</u>

The number rejected as unfit for human consumption was 2492 representing 0.36% of the total processed.

Unfit meat and offal are stained with a green dye and used for industrial purposes. Canned foods which are unfit are buried in the refuse tip.

(c) ADULTERATION

The section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, dealing with adulteration, is administered by the Lancashire County Council, and I am indebted to Doctor Wade, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following information:—

SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1971

A total of 108 samples was obtained comprising 44 milks (3 of which were Channel Islands Milk) and 64 others as follows:

1 Malt Vinegar	1 Pink Guavas canned
1 Pickled Onions	1 Stuffed Cabbage
1 Opened Tin of Pea & Ham Soup	1 Peeled Plum Tomatoes canned
1 Apricot Jam	1 Tuna Fillets canned
1 Creamed Rice Pudding canned	1 Milk condensed Full Cream unsweetened
1 Mackerel Steak canned	1 Chicken with Vegetable Soup canned
1 Golden Plums in Syrup	1 Baby Food (Pineapple and Orange Cereal)
1 Dressed Crab	1 Dried Fruit Mixture
1 Tuna Steak in Oil canned	1 Oatmeal
1 Orange Juice	1 Currants
1 French Tarragon Wine Vinegar	1 Sterilised Cream
1 Potato Dumpling Mix	1 Custard
1 Mushrooms in Creamed Sauce canned	2 Yoghourt
1 Ready Snack Meal	1 Curry with Rice with Chicken
1 Liver Paste canned	1 Italian Tomatoes canned
1 Full Fat Soft Cheese	2 Tonic Water
1 Mackerel Steaks in Natural Oil canned	1 Malt Milk and Coffee Beverage
1 Aspirin Tablets B.P.	1 Pork Luncheon Meat canned
1 Pea & Ham Soup canned	1 Custard Tart Mix
1 Beef Steak Pasties	1 Peeled Plum Tomatoes
1 Strawberry Dessert	1 New Potatoes canned
1 Golden Fried Rice with Chicken and Prawns	1 Double Grapefruit Drink canned
1 Peeled Shrimps canned	1 Beefburger
1 Meat Spread	1 Curly Potato Puffs
1 Phenoxgmethyl Penicillin Tablets	1 Lancashire Hot Pot Ready Meal canned
1 Throat Lozenges	1 Tomato Paste
1 Phenoxymethyl Penicillin Capsules	1 Cake Covering
1 Meat and Potato Pie	1 Strawberry Flavouring Milk Shake
1 Dressed Crab	1 Fresh Egg Mayonnaise
1 Raspberry Jam Roly Poly canned	2 Grapefruit juice opened canned
	1 Chocolate assortment

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:

<i>Sample</i>	<i>Result of Analysis</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
Malt Vinegar	Sample Turbid	Complainant informed and stock checked

Pickled Onions	Contained a pickled worker wasp weighing 70 milligrams.	Manufacturers cautioned and complainant informed
Apricot Jam	Contained part of a leaf from a plant such as daffodil, the fragment measuring (67x16x1.5 m.m.) and weighing 0.162 gramme after removal of sugar and moisture. It had been boiled with the jam and must have been introduced during manufacture.	Importers cautioned and complainant informed
Dressed Crab	Cadmium content 1.3 parts per million.	No action
Informal Milk	Freezing point indicates 0.8% extraneous water.	Dairy cautioned & further sample obtained
Yoghourt	Sample fermenting—alcohol content 2.6% proof. Cap marked with expiry date 30th May.	Vendor cautioned
Yoghourt	The opened sample contained yeast and a penicillium mould—actively fermenting alcohol content 2.75% proof.	
Tonic Water	The sample consisted of 2 fl. ozs. of tonic water which had been diluted approximately 14 times its original strength. It also contained 3 suspended particles of dead fungal mycelium.	Packers cautioned complainant informed
Informal Milk	Dirty bottle contrary to Regulation 27 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 made under sections 29, 87 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.	
Informal Milk	Fat content 2.85%. Deficient 5% fat.	Producer informed
Beefburger	Contained a piece of copper plated mild steel wire weighing 0.56 gm. and measuring about 45 mm. x 1 mm. bent back upon itself in two places to form a clip measuring approximately 2 cms. long and attached at one end to 2 small squares of paper (size approx. 7 inch) which acted as reinforcement for torn paper sandwiched between them, 2 more small pieces of paper resembling the sandwiched paper were loose in the sample, the total weight of all the paper being 0.266 gms. when dried and 0.205 gms. after fat had been extracted from it	Prosecution Fined: £20 Costs: £15

Curly Potato Puffs	Contained 1.64 gms. of hardened dried gelatinised starch containing only a trace of fat—probably derived from the paste from which the potato puffs were made.	Complainant informed manufacturer notified
Informal Milk	Freezing point indicates 0.9% extraneous water and cream contained a floating mixed colony of dead fungal mycelium which included a <i>Mucor</i> and a <i>Cladisporium</i> species.	Complainant informed and vendor cautioned
Grapefruit Juice opened can	Contained approx. 800 parts per million of tin and 18 parts per million of lead (but tin seemed to have been opened for some time) large solder splash visible on inside of can.	Remainder of stock withdrawn from sale
Grapefruit Juice canned	Consisted of 2 un-opened cans. Tin contents 610 parts per million and 600 parts per million respectively. Recommended limit for tin 250 parts in a million parts of food (no large solder splashes as on sample S.8525 and lead content nil).	
Chocolate Assortment	The sample consisted of 3 chocolates which had been returned to their box after having been unwrapped and crushed. All 3 bore fingerprints. The chocolate itself bore dead mould hyphae. A small amount of residual alcohol) 0.2% proof) remained dissolved in the chocolate but no concussions could be drawn from such a sample about whether it was derived from whiskey.	Manufacturer vendor and complainant informed. Stock withdrawn

ORMSKIRK MARKET.

The Ormskirk Market is an ancient institution dating from April 28th, 1286, when King Edward the First granted "a Thursday market and a five days' fair" to the town for ever. The rights in the Market appear to have been vested in the Earl of Lancaster, for on the 29th September, 1286, those rights were transferred by the Charter of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, to the Prior of Burscough Abbey on the payment of an annual sum. The alienation of these Market rights is confirmed by the Charter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, in 1339.

The rights remained vested in the Priory until the Dissolution of the Monasteries about 1536, and after its surrender to King Henry VIII. by Robert Barton, the last prior (who died in 1553). the Priory was granted to Sir William Paget, K.G., Principal Secretary of State in 1547.

A little over a century later (on the 23rd June, 1670) King Charles II. granted to Charles, the Eighth Earl of Derby, and his successors, the right to hold and keep two fairs, one in Whitsun week and the other at the end of August in each year, and a market to be held on Thursdays.

By a conveyance dated the 30th day of September, 1876, the Rights in the Market were sold by the Earl of Derby to the Ormskirk Local Board for £1,000.

The Ormskirk Local Board made Byelaws, which were allowed by the Local Government Board on the 17th December, 1881, whereby a market was to be held on Thursday and Saturday of each week throughout the year, which were amended to provide that a market was to be held on each week day throughout the year " unless the same shall be a day duly appointed for solemn fast or public thanksgiving."

Consequently upon the amalgamation Order of 1931 whereby Ormskirk Urban District was amalgamated with the Urban District of Lathom and Burscough the byelaws lapsed and new byelaws were made on the 19th December, 1935. These included *inter alia*, the fixing of the days and hours during each day on which the market shall be held; regulations as to the use of the market place and the buildings, stalls, pens and standings therein, and for preventing nuisances or obstructions therein, or in the immediate approaches thereto; penalties for offences against the byelaws and a table of Tolls leviable in the market was incorporated.

The market continued to be held throughout the war years although on a limited scale. It has now regained much of its colourfulness, and each Thursday and Saturday, Moor Street, Moorgate, Park Road, and Aughton Street are filled with market stalls and itinerant tradesmen of all kinds.

Public Health Inspectors of the Health Department make regular inspections of market stalls selling food to ensure compliance with The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations.

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